

Birches First School

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Dear Parents

As you are aware from our published Dates for the Diary 2020-2021 we ordinarily provide parents a 'Mid-Year Report' informing you of your child's progress and attainment. When receiving the report parents are then invited to discuss the content and ask any questions within a private meeting with the class teacher.

Due to the closure of schools on 5^{th} January and majority of our children working remotely, we have made the decision that at this current time we will not be providing a Mid-Year Report. However, we would still like to offer parents the opportunity to discuss their child's achievements and well-being with their class teachers as we did in the Autumn Term.

As per the Government Guidelines on COVID-19, we are only able to run virtual events at this time, and our Parents' Evening will take place online, via our Teams Platform. As you are aware, we are rolling out our Remote Offer via the Teams Platform on Monday $1^{\rm st}$ February.

We intend to host our online Parents' Evening at the end of the Spring Term (before Easter). This is to enable us all to become familiar and confident with the new platform so that it is accessible for all. As always, if there are any issues with the rollout of Teams, please contact us.

I will be in touch to inform you of how to book your appointment with your child's teacher on the selected dates and times in due course.

May I thank you for your time, patience and understanding of the need to move to virtual meetings to protect both staff and parents.

Best wishes

Miss Varricchione

Headteacher